

## **A Day Without the WSP Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau**

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) makes a difference every single day for the citizens of Washington State. If WSP employees were not working today to provide public safety services to everyone where they live, work, travel and play:

- 121 breath tests would not have been performed; officers would not be able to conclusively identify and effectively prosecute drunk drivers.
- 38 drug related controlled substance cases would not be completed.
- 22 toxicology cases would not be completed.
- 11 latent prints would not have been tested, potentially linking a criminal to a crime.
- 5 DNA cases would not be completed, leaving the families of victims without resolution or keeping the assailants from being linked to the crimes they committed.
- 4 drug recognition evaluations would not have been performed, leaving officers unaware of if a violator was under the influence of narcotics.
- 2 firearms linked to a crime would not be tested through IBIS, a program that tests ballistic patterns and can conclusively match bullets with firearms.

These are just a few of the many services the WSP provide every day to the public. To view more extensive lists please click on the links below:

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